

OUR DIOCESAN FAMILY

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Celebrating faith with the Pope

Eighty four young adults and accompanying leaders from East Anglia travelled to Australia in July for World Youth Day and with several hundred thousand others of similar age celebrated their faith with Pope Benedict.

One highlight in Sydney was a get-together of pilgrims from East Anglia and our twin diocese of Battambang in Cambodia.

Two priests well-known to our diocese were there: Fr Gabby (priest at Nikum where we raised funds for a new kindergarten last year) and Fr Pedro (priest at Chrab Viel, where we are building a kindergarten this year).

Bishop Michael said: "It was wonderful to meet our friends from Cambodia amidst the hordes of pilgrims from across the world, who transformed Sydney with their joyful presence for a week.

"I had seen Cambodian flags flying in the distance in the crowd at the opening Mass, when we welcomed the Holy Father, and I had been trying to contact them. I left my hotel one evening to find them all sitting outside waiting for me!

"Our own group of East Anglian young people were a joy to be with. I saw quite a lot of them in Townsville during our first week, but less of them in Sydney, as I was giving catechesis in different places and had to be with the bishops for the big celebrations.

"My personal memories will include everything from snake and crocodile handling, and feeding kangaroos, in Townsville, to the inspiring input by indigenous Australians in the main liturgies and simply the joy of being with countless young people seeking to receive in a new way the Holy Spirit so they could be witnesses of Christ to our world.

"My thanks to Hamish MacQueen and his team for all their work in organising the trip, and to the young people's parishes which supported them so generously.

"We have great young people in our diocese – let's make sure they are encouraged to continue to bear witness. We all need their energy and enthusiasm."

The young pilgrims' own story of the World Youth Day, Pope Benedict and their adventures "Down Under" with their pictures are on the centre pages.



Bishop Michael meets pilgrims from East Anglia in Australia



A grand total of 25 pilgrims from East Anglia, mostly young adults, travelled to the Taizé Community in France from 3rd - 10th August for the annual pilgrimage.

This was the biggest group so far, particularly surprising given so many young adults who might otherwise have come to Taizé had been to World Youth Day a few weeks beforehand.

It was Bishop Michael's 30th week in Taizé - he first went in 1978, and has missed just one year (1979) since then. Some of the young people were coming for their 5th or 6th times.



Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor with some of the parishioners of St Benet's church in Beccles who marked their centenary this year with a fete and a special lunch. See page 12 for the full story.

Cambodian church leader visits

Mgr Kike Figaredo, Apostolic Prefect of our twin diocese of Battambang in Cambodia, visited East Anglia in June.

During a packed few days, he visited nearly all the places linked with Cambodia, including St John's infant school in Norwich where he and Bishop Michael celebrated Mass together.

He also met people from parishes in the Deanery of St Felix at a social event at St Walstan's in Costessey.

Other deaneries and parishes support communities in Cambodia and they include Bury Deanery (Siem Reap), St Mary's in Ipswich (Battambang and Chamnaon), St George's in Norwich (Pursat and Kompong Luong), St Walstan's in Costessey (Ta Hen), Sacred Heart in North Walsham (Sisophon) and St Etheldreda in Ely (Prek Taol).

Bishop Michael welcomed Mgr Kike to the area and accompanied him on many of his travels to see the communities in the diocese to cement through friendship the growing links with Cambodia.

Benemerenti award for devoted couple

A husband and wife have received Papal awards for their commitment to their parish spanning five decades.

Joan and Leslie Hills, pictured right, are in their eighties now but still walk a long distance to Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes church in Dogsthorpe, Peterborough, and their neighbours are said to set their clocks by them.

Fr David Jennings presented the Benemerenti Papal medal to the couple and the parish marked the occasion with a special celebration.

Parishioner Brenda Williamson said: "They have been members of the community at Our Lady of Lourdes since it opened in 1965 and previously worked in the community of St Oswald's in Walton.

"For years they have walked to the church which was not close by and it is said their neighbours set their clocks by seeing them to regularly."

The Benemerenti Medal was instituted by Pope Gregory XVI in 1832 to honour people who show exemplary service to their church, family and community.



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NEWS FROM BISHOP MICHAEL

September Moves

Quite a few priests are on the move this September, and I look forward to visiting their new parishes to induct them.

❖ Fr Peter Brown (Cromer & Sheringham) and Fr Tom Fenlon (Woodbridge) have retired, and I wish them well. Fr Peter Brown is staying in the diocese, and continues as Chancellor. Fr Tom Fenlon has gone to Ireland.

I am very grateful to the following priests who have accepted new appointments:

❖ Fr Peter Brett to Sudbury (*from Sacred Heart & St Oswald's, Peterborough*)

❖ Fr Bruce Burbidge to Sacred Heart & St Oswald's, Peterborough (*from Rome*)

❖ Fr Martin Fears to Brandon & Mildenhall (*from Assistant Priest at Bury St Edmunds*)

❖ Fr David Finegan to Stowmarket (*from King's Lynn*)

❖ Fr Denys Lloyd to Cromer & Sheringham (*from Stowmarket*)

❖ Fr Peter Rollings to King's Lynn (*from Sudbury*)

❖ Fr Ivan Rudkin to Woodbridge (*from Brandon & Mildenhall*)

I give a warm welcome to two priests from India who will be working in the diocese on temporary basis: Fr Joseph Gnanam at St Peter and All Souls, Peterborough, and Fr Deva Varapasadam at St Ives. There are still a few more appointments to sort out over the next few months.

Learning Together

Brief details of the 2008/2009 'Learning Together' programme are here on this page. I hope there is plenty to interest you. Put the dates in your diary now. Your parish priest should be duplicating and distributing details of the autumn study days in the next few weeks, and there are leaflets available.

The study days are not just for people who want to get the Diocesan Certificate. They are open to everyone. Pick and choose what you want to come to – and bring others with you.

The sessions are free, but donations towards the cost of speakers, venues and refreshments will be very welcome at the end of each module. Everyone is welcome. Although people can just turn up on the day, we would much prefer everyone to register for each module so that we can arrange enough seating and drinks. Some are Teaching Modules (T), others are Practical Modules (P).

Some of you may wish to gain different levels of our Diocesan Certificate. To gain each level of the certificate, all you need to do is attend at least two Teaching Modules and at least one Practical Module in a total of four Modules. There is no written work or assessment involved: all you have to do is to attend and participate. Advice on further reading will be given.

All modules are on Saturdays, with registration and coffee at 10.30 and finishing at 3.00. Please bring your own packed lunch – and perhaps a cushion!

+ Michael



Priests of the diocese are pictured at a celebration Mass at Walsingham to mark jubilees of ministry. Canon Michael Hazell and Fr Neville McClement who served in the Diocese of Northampton and are retired in East Anglia celebrated their Golden Jubilee. Dom Charles Fitzgerald-Lombard OSB parish priest of Bungay marked his 40 years of ministry. Fr Brendan Moffatt celebrated his Silver Jubilee; Fr Tony Webb, also celebrating his Silver Jubilee this year, could not be present.

'Learning Together' Programme 2008/2009

AUTUMN 2008

Romans - the Gospel of St Paul (T41)
(11th October 2008 at St Laurence's Catholic Church, Milton Road, Cambridge)
In this Year of St Paul, Dr Adrian Graffy will lead a day exploring St Paul's letter to the Romans.

Still more on Children's Liturgy (P41)
(8th November 2008 at the Catholic Church Hall, 1 Norwich Road, Wymondham)
Following on from her popular study day two years ago, Katie Thompson, who leads the Children's Liturgy at Poringland and has written extensively on the topic, will take things further for those who lead parish Children's Liturgy of the Word during Sunday Mass.

The Eucharist, Sacrament of Love (T42)
(22nd November 2008 at St Luke's Catholic Church, Peterborough)
Bishop Michael will explore further the meaning of the Mass in the light of Pope Benedict's encyclical letter *Sacramentum Caritatis*.

Preparing for Advent: what it is and how we should celebrate it (P42)
(29th November 2008 at St Mary's Catholic Church Hall Woodbridge Road, Ipswich)
Maurice Lynch will lead a day to help us make the most of Advent.

SPRING 2009

God, creation and us! (T43)
(24th January 2009 at St Laurence's Catholic Church, Milton Road, Cambridge)

Bishop Michael will lead a day on God's work of creation, and our role as stewards of that creation. This is part of our diocesan theme for 2009: 'Care for God's Creation'.

Introducing the Psalms (T44)
(21st February 2009 at the Parish Centre, Catholic Church, Exeter Road, Newmarket)
Abbot Lawrence O'Keeffe will explore the Psalms, that great 'prayer book' of the Old Testament prayed by Jesus himself and by his Church throughout the ages.

R.C.I.A. Catechesis (P43)
(14th March 2008 at St Luke's Catholic Church, Peterborough)
Fr John O'Toole, director of the Christian Education Centre of the Archdiocese of Southwark, will lead a day for all those involved in R.C.I.A. catechesis.

How to be evangelising parishes (P44)
(4th April 2009 at St George's Catholic Church hall, Sprowston Road, Norwich)
Charles Whitehead will remind us of Pope Paul's great letter on evangelisation, and explore how we can spread the Good News more effectively. Amongst many other things, he is Chairman of the Northampton Diocesan Council for Youth Ministry, President of the National Service Committee of CCR in England, and chairman of the body that produces the CaFE videos.

SUMMER 2009

Putting our care for God's creation into practice (P46)
(18th April 2009 at the Catholic Church hall, Norwich Road, Wymondham)
Rt Hon John Gummer, Catholic MP for

Suffolk Coastal and Environment Minister from 1993-1997, leads a day exploring how we can better to care for God's creation.

Prison – a place of redemption? (P45)
(16th May 2009 at St Laurence's Catholic Church, Milton Road, Cambridge)
Mgr Malachy Keegan, Principal Catholic Prison Chaplain, will lead a day on prisons and the role of chaplaincy and prison visitors. East Anglia has 8 prisons, and prison ministry is a vital role.

Wrestling with the Trinity (T45)
(6th June 2009 at St Mary's Catholic Church, Woodbridge Road, Ipswich)
Bishop Michael will prepare us for Trinity Sunday by exploring how some of the earliest Christians struggled to put the Holy Trinity into words.

'Faith of our Fathers': The English Catholic Community from the time of persecution to the present (T46)
(27th June 2009 at the Parish Centre, Catholic Church, Exeter Road, Newmarket)
Deacon John Morrill, Professor of British and Irish History at Cambridge University, will lead a day looking at Catholic life in England since the Reformation.

You can register for any of the Autumn sessions by emailing your name, address, and the module you wish to attend to: learning.together@yahoo.co.uk

or by writing with the same information to:

Diocesan Learning Together Programme, Parish Office, 14 Exeter Road, Newmarket, Suffolk, CB8 8LT

THE BISHOP TEACHES

SUNDAY MASS around A.D. 150

Over the last year, we have been exploring together the meaning of the Mass, the Eucharist.

All too easily, we can think that Mass has always been celebrated in the same way, at least until the Second Vatican Council. The Mass has developed over the years, but the basic structure has always remained the same, from the first Christians meeting for 'The Breaking of Bread' to the Mass celebrated in our churches in East Anglia today.

Our earliest account of Sunday Mass comes from St Justin, who died for his faith around 165 A.D. Justin came from a pagan Greek family. After studying many different philosophies, he became a Christian when he was about 33. He was a layman determined to make the Christian teaching known, and he travelled from place to place proclaiming the Gospel. On his second visit to Rome he was denounced as a Christian, and beheaded for refusing to sacrifice to idols.



In 150, he wrote to the Emperor Antoninus Pius and his adopted son, the future Emperor Marcus Aurelius (from *Gladiator* fame), giving a defence of the Christian faith. In this 'First Apology', Justin presents his address and petition on behalf of Christians who are 'unjustly hated and wantonly abused, myself being one of them'. In chapters 65-67, he gives an account of the Eucharist as it was celebrated by Christians on Sundays – the day of the Sun.

We can instantly recognise Mass as we celebrate it today:

- ❖ the Liturgy of the Word, with Scripture readings, homily and intercessions.
- ❖ the Kiss of Peace (here rather than just before Communion)
- ❖ the bringing of the bread and wine to the altar (the Presentation of the Gifts)
- ❖ the Eucharistic prayer of thanksgiving, ending with the people's 'Amen'
- ❖ the distribution of Holy Communion (both 'bread and wine' become the body and blood of Jesus)
- ❖ and of course a collection – a sharing between rich and poor

Here is Justin's account, written over 1,850 year ago. He gives two accounts of the Mass in chapters 65 – 67 of his First Apology.

Baptism and the Eucharist (*Chapter 65*)

After we have washed (*baptized*) the person who has been convinced by and assented to our teaching, we bring him to the place where those who are called 'brothers and sisters' are assembled, so that we may offer hearty prayers in common for ourselves and for the baptised person, and for all others in every place... Having ended the prayers, we greet one another with a kiss.

Then bread and a cup of wine mixed with water are brought to the president of the brethren. He takes them, gives praise and glory to the Father of the universe, through the name of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and offers thanks at considerable length for our being counted worthy to receive these things at his hands.

When he has concluded the prayers and thanksgivings, all present express their assent by saying 'Amen' (*'so be it'*). When the president has given thanks, and all the people have expressed their assent, those who are called by us 'deacons' give to each of those present to partake of the bread and wine mixed with water over which the thanksgiving was pronounced, and to those who are absent they carry away a portion.

The Eucharist (*Chapter 66*)

This food is called among us 'Eucharistia' (*the Eucharist*). No one is allowed to partake of it but the one who believes that the things which we teach are true, and who has been washed with the washing (*Baptism*) that is for the remission of sins and for regeneration, and who is living in the way Christ has commanded.

For we do not receive these as common bread and common drink; but in like manner as Jesus Christ our Saviour, having been made flesh by the Word of God, had both flesh and blood for our salvation, so have we been taught that the food which is blessed by the prayer of his word, and from which our blood and flesh by transformation are nourished, is the flesh and blood of that Jesus who was made flesh.

The Apostles, in the memoirs composed by them, which are called Gospels, have handed down to us what he commanded them to do. Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he said, "Do this in memory of me. This is my body." In the same way, having taken the cup and given thanks, he said, "This is my blood", and gave it to them alone...

The weekly worship of Christians (*Chapter 67*)

Ever since then we have continually reminded each other of these things. The rich among us help the needy; and we are always united. For all things we receive, we bless the Creator of all through his Son Jesus Christ, and through the Holy Spirit.

On the day called the day of the Sun (*Sunday*), all who live in the city or in the country gather together in one place. The memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as time permits.

When the reader has finished, the president instructs us, and urges us to imitate these good things. Then we all rise together and pray. As we said before, when our prayer is ended, bread and wine and water are brought, and the president offers prayers and thanksgivings, according to his ability. The people assent, saying 'Amen'. There is a distribution to each, and a participation of that over which thanks have been given, and to those who are absent a portion is sent by the deacons.

Those who are well off, and willing, give what each thinks fit. What is collected is left with the president, who helps the orphans and widows and those who, through sickness or any

other cause, are in want, and those who are in bonds and the strangers staying among us, and in a word takes care of all who are in need.

Sunday is the day on which we all hold our common assembly, because it is the first day on which God, having wrought a change in the darkness and matter, made the world; and on the same day Jesus Christ our Saviour rose from the dead.

For he was crucified on the day before that of Saturn (*Saturday*), and on the day after that of Saturn, which is the day of the Sun, having appeared to his apostles and disciples, he taught them these things, which we have submitted to you also for your consideration.

REDISCOVERING SUNDAY

Thoughts from our Diocesan Pastoral Plan

Sunday is the Lord's Day, and it is the special day for any Church family. In 1998, Pope John Paul II wrote an inspiring letter on keeping the Lord's Day holy (*Dies Domini*): 'Sunday is a day which is at the very heart of the Christian life'. The Holy Father strongly urged everyone 'to rediscover Sunday' (n. 7).

It is true, of course, that our way of life today is radically different even to a few decades ago. For many people, Sunday is no longer a day of rest. Increasingly, it is no different to any other day. And yet as human beings we need a day each week when we can stop, slow down, recover our energies and spend quality time with those we love.

As Christians, we need to keep Sunday special, to do all we can to preserve or restore the place of Sunday in our personal and family lives.

At the heart of a Catholic Sunday is the celebration of Mass. There we celebrate the wonder of our creation by God, and the wonder of our re-creation through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

At Mass, the Risen Christ gathers us together around himself, unites us more closely with himself, draws us into his sacrifice of himself, and nourishes us with the gift of himself.

'For the Christian, Sunday is above all an Easter celebration, wholly illumined by the glory of the Risen Christ' (Pope John Paul II, *Dies Domini*, n. 8). St Augustine called Sunday 'a sacrament of Easter'.

Each family is asked to take a fresh look at how they spend the Lord's Day. Could it be more of a day when the family is together? Is there a family meal together?

Can we make it more of a day when we take our much-needed Sabbath rest? And how central is the celebration of Mass to our Sundays?

Is it – as the Second Vatican Council puts it – the 'source and summit of our Christian lives'?

With my warmest good wishes and prayers as autumn arrives. I hope you had a good summer.

+ Michael

DIOCESAN SCHOOLS IN FOCUS

School goes green to boost environment

St Mary's Junior School hosted the launch of Cambridgeshire County Council's brand new third generation recycling bus in June to mark the start of Recycle Now week.

The Cambridge recycling bus, which has been operating for over 13 years, aims to promote the recycling and waste management message to families through educating children at schools across the county.

The buses, run by Cambridgeshire

County Council bus managers and former teachers Nick King and Kim Warren, aim to teach children three Rs - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

The former library bus, which has been transformed with recycled materials into a fantastic teaching aid, has waste management at the forefront of the lessons.

St Mary's pupils learnt about the importance of recycling, as well as studying man-made products and how we can reduce the need for them

by recycling and using natural resources.

The recycling bus is part of an ongoing Green theme at St Mary's. The school is currently in the process of gaining Eco-Status, as well as running a gardening club and recycling old clothes through Bag2School; an organisation which sends items collected by the pupils to wholesalers in Eastern Europe where the clothes are re-used, sold or recycled.



Pupils examine how reducing waste, reusing things and recycling goods can help the environment



St Louis Catholic school in Bury St Edmunds welcomed Palestinian Dabka dancers from Lajee Centre, Aida Refugee Camp, near Bethlehem, pictured left.

Dabka is a dance of solidarity, conventionally used to express the Palestinians love for their land. Now, it reflects the refugees longing for their home-land: the lead Dabka dancer primarily represents a tree, proud and upright; the fruit of the land. The dance is used to express all strong emotions: love, longing, thirst, disappointment. Dabka means, literally, 'stamping feet':

the Lajee group excelled in this, leaping and kicking with confidence and pride.

Digital autobiographies of some children from the camp were also presented, showing with alarming, humbling simplicity the every-day hardships, inhumanities and humiliations imposed upon the Palestinian people.

A number of local families were generous in kindly offering to host our guests: their experiences are best summed up in Amira's words: "thank you, thank you for sharing your home with me. Now I know what childhood is meant to be like".



Pupils danced for Cardinal

A day of celebration was made even more special when the President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales held a Mass to mark the centenary of St Benet's Minster in Beccles.

Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, Archbishop of Westminster, pictured left with Dom Antony Sutch OSB, visited the town on Saturday and there was standing room only for the service at St Benet's, which attracted 500 people.

St Benet's Catholic Primary School choir sang at the Mass, a number of parishioners commented on the high standard of singing. Children from the school also performed country dances for the Cardinal.

New home for wild mini-beasts

Sacred Heart Primary School now has a new Minibeast Complex and the children get very excited about seeing butterflies and bees around the flowers, finding a secret ants nest under a pot, digging and finding worms in the vegetable plots.

When they find caterpillars the excitement rivals Christmas day morning - well almost!

The pupils have dedicated eco sessions each week and vegetable and fruit growing has been high on the agenda over the last two terms since we became a Food for Life Flagship School for the Eastern region at the beginning of 2008.

Nicola Ward, eco leader at the school, said "We aim to grow produce for the school kitchen, with the children planting seeds, nurturing and watering their crops until it's time for harvesting.

"Produce is grown organically working with nature not against it. Ask any of our Year 1 or 2 children and they will be able to tell you who are our garden enemies and who are our friends.

Lunchtime eco supervisor Kirsty Emmerton hunted high and low for the six palettes that were piled and secured by parents on a garden ground force day.

The material used to create the different habitats within the complex was all donated by the families and staff who searched their houses and gardens for rubbish - literally!

"Old fabric covered books, pine cones, bricks, rotten wood,



Parents, teachers and pupil helped to create a welcoming habitat twigs, leaves, straw, peeled and hollowed out elder sticks and corrugated cardboard all found a new lease of life in our new minibeast mansion.

"There was a proud moment for the Year 4's when the roof finally went on at the end of the day with sedum planted between the cracks," Nicola Ward said.



Staff at St Joseph's Primary School in Sudbury, pictured above, took the opportunity of a professional development day to reflect on a busy year and think about the spiritual direction of their school.

They spent the time at the isolated chapel of St Peter's-on-the-Wall and its Othona Community.

Paul Losasso, assistant Headteacher, said: "Arriving after an hour and a half at the little village of Bradwell-on-Sea, we were delighted to see the simple barn like chapel (which dates back to A.D. 654) standing at the end of a quiet single track, stark and tranquil against the blue sky, with the estuary as a backdrop.

"Parish priest Fr Peter Rollings gave us a short talk on the history of the chapel and its founder the Celtic missionary bishop St Cedd before conducting a simple recommissioning service for the teachers.

The afternoon was spent visiting the Othona community, that was started up after the second world war by Norman Motley - a young RAF chaplain.

The group spent some time discussing the recent document "Fit for Mission?" written by Bishop Patrick O'Donoghue of Lancaster and published by the Catholic Truth Society.

Around the Diocese

Money sent to homeless children in Columbia after garden party

The annual parish garden party at St George's in Norwich raised more than £3,000 for the charity Let the Children Live.

The charity is currently suffering a financial double whammy with people giving less money because of the credit crunch and a poor exchange rate due to the weak pound. Fr Peter Walters founded the charity to help street children in Medellin in Columbia when he worked at the Walsingham Shrine and returned to Norfolk to raise new fund.

He said: "We have had to lay off staff who have worked for decades with the abandoned street children helping them to find skills away from the drugs world.

"I have had to turn away hundreds of children who need help because of the shortages of money.

"I came back to St George's at the invitation of Fr John Drew who was one of the priests here. Unfortunately he died just a few days before I arrived.

"But his spirit lives on in the generosity shown by people here."

A parish collection also boosted the amount of money that was sent to Fr Walters to more than £5,000 but more



Younger people putting on brave faces to raise money for homeless children in Columbia
donations are still needed.

Let the Children Live was a charity that the late Fr Drew and his wife Marie took a great interest in.

Fr Drew joined the Catholic church after 40 years as an Anglican priest and built up a great friendship with parishioners in the parish of Our Lady of the Annunciation in Poringland and St George's.



Two priests have completed a sponsored walk of 62.5 miles between two centres of monasticism. Fr Michael Vulliamy and a friend from the Clifton diocese, Fr Barnabas Page, walked St Cuthbert's Way from Melrose where there was a large religious community to the Holy Island at Lindisfarne. They raised more than £900 for much needed repairs to the church and hall at St Joseph's Hadleigh as well as the installation of new facilities for people who use wheelchairs. The money was raised by the parish at Hadleigh and people at the Sacred Heart community at Nayland. The two priests took six days to complete the walk. Fr Michael, pictured above crossing the causeway to Lindisfarne, said: "We enjoyed it very much, taking in the Eildon Hills and the edge of the Cheviots as well as the causeway to Holy Island."



At the July meeting at the Norfolk Club of the Norwich Circle of the Catenian Association, Celine Kember, President of the St Vincent De Paul Society received from Tony Baker, the immediate past president of the Norwich Circle, a donation of £1,508.49 towards funds. The money is to be used to support the needy. Celine Kember is pictured above receiving the cheque from Tony Baker with current president, John Kenny.

Trappist honoured

Norwich Christian Meditation Centre is marking the 40th anniversary of the death of the poet and mystic Thomas Merton with a two-day study event at St Luke's Church, Norwich on Friday 21st - Saturday 22nd November. Centre Director Nicholas Vesey said: "Trappist monk Thomas Merton was one of the most influential 20th Century's spiritual writers." Email: nicholas.vesey@btpopenworld.com

Exploring dilemmas of modern world

Seven people from the Diocese of East Anglia attended the 30th annual Justice & Peace Conference at Swanwick, Derbyshire to explore the dilemmas and opportunities of living a Christian life in the modern world.

Fr Tom Cullinan of the Liverpool Archdiocese explored a process articulated by Cardinal Cardijn in the 1930s, by which Christians observe social injustice, reflect in the light of the gospel and act accordingly.

The conference set out to follow this 'pastoral cycle'. In his final reflection, Fr Tom reminded us of how Jesus engaged in his own pastoral cycle. Before his public ministry, he pondered the signs of the times, hearing the word of God and the message of the prophets week by week and maintaining an intimacy of prayer with the Father.

At his baptism, he made the supreme choice to be the suffering servant, and then retired to the desert to reflect and pray.

Sr Margaret Scott, director of the Raphaela Centre, Haverford, USA and former President of the Conference of Religious, gave a taste of her forthcoming book on the Eucharist and Social Justice. She said the eucharist without justice is sterile and articulated a vision of a time when all could respond to the invitation to share at the same table.

Dr Patrick Riordan SJ, Associate Director at Heythrop College, cited Pope John Paul's teaching on the need for the free market to be regulated, so serving the common good and avoiding situations like that of the New York postal worker persuaded to switch mortgage lenders only to find a steep interest rate rise meant he could never pay off the debt.

Ivanete de Araújo, a CAFOD partner from Brazil, gave a moving testimony of how she began work on a sugar cane plantation at an early age, at one time living with her family under a São Paulo viaduct and regarded by passers by as no more than a heap of rubbish.

She now works for an organisation which makes empty premises in central São Paulo available to homeless people struggling to survive on the fringes of the city.

Our Lady of the Harvest comes home

Our Lady's statue was carried in procession through the streets of Sudbury at sundown on Sunday 17 August when the town celebrated its medieval feast known as Our Lady's Homecoming.

On the way to the shrine of Our Lady of Sudbury, in the Catholic church on the Croft, it stayed overnight in the chapel of Our Lady and St Ann at St Gregory's Anglican church next door.

The chapel is reputed to be the

original site of Sudbury's 14th century shrine to Our Lady which was honoured until 1537, when it was dismantled by the King's Commissioners on the orders of Henry VIII.

The shrine was restored and dedicated in the church of Our Lady and St John the Evangelist exactly 400 years later (1937) in the presence of about 4000 pilgrims.

Fr Peter Rollings said: "Our

Lady's Homecoming symbolised the joy in heaven at Jesus Christ's reunion with his mother. The medieval festival celebrated the harvest, and Mary being the first fruits of the harvest of Christian souls.

"In the Middle Ages the statue was removed from the shrine in St Gregory's on the Saturday after the feast of the Assumption known in East Anglia as the feast of Our Lady of the Harvest"



A tea party was held by a parish group from Our Lady and St Thomas of Canterbury church at Wymondham in Norfolk. The parish Helping Hands group organised the event at Hingham for people who cannot get out very often and put on food and music for an enjoyable day.



John Kenny, President of Norwich Circle of the Catenian Association, decided to hold this year's President's Sunday in Great Yarmouth as a change from the usual venue of peaceful Walsingham. About 40 attended with Mass at St Mary's celebrated by Fr Gordon Williams assisted by Deacon Peter Glanville.

Some of the group are pictured below outside the church in Great Yarmouth.



The parish of Our Lady Immaculate and St Etheldreda at Newmarket recently held a family day called Fun with Flowers, picture left. Parishioners of all ages were able to be creative with summer blooms and greenery while getting to know each other better. It was one of several family days planned for the parish.



Some of the pilgrims from across the diocese who journeyed to Australia for the Word Youth Day.



Aboriginal people took part in the liturgies and welcomed pilgrims from across the world to the event (above) and some from East Anglia took time out to see sights in Hong Kong and Australia (below)



A happy meeting with pilgrims from Cambodia reveals friendships on the other side of the world



Eighty-five people travelled from East Anglia to Australia to meet with Pope Benedict for World Youth Day. Their journey went through several stages and they visited different places. While they were away, members of the group took it in turns to send back an updates. Their edited account of World Youth Day Pilgrimage 2008 is shown here.



Relaxation, worship, singing, sightseeing and beach life were all part of the experience for pilgrims taking in the host nation's outdoor culture

Journey in faith across the world

The journey to Australia started when coaches from various parts of the Diocese picked us up to take us to Heathrow where we had Mass before starting our epic flights.

Thankfully we were leaving from Terminal 3, not Terminal 5!

After 12 hours we touched down in Hong Kong where we had a nine hour wait. During this time, we took a whistle-stop tour via coach and ferry. It is an amazing place. Then it was back to the airport for a 10 hour flight to Brisbane.

We managed to get through customs although most of us got sniffed by quarantine dogs looking for fruit or wooden items made from protected species - they are very strict on what you can bring into Australia.

A two hour internal flight took us to Townsville where their Bishop Michael (considerably taller than ours) met us at the airport along with some of his team. We were then bussed to where we were staying for the next week – a boarding school on the beach front.

Palm trees, sand and the pacific ocean could be viewed from the front but after a 40+ hour journey door to door, most of us were too tired to take it in.

TOWNSVILLE

Days in the Diocese have become part of the World Youth Day Program as they give people a chance to experience the culture of young Catholics in the country hosting World Youth Day. Our days were spent in Townsville as our Bishop Michael was friends with their Bishop Michael.

Our first day was spent exploring Townsville, playing volleyball, shopping, paddling in the sea, relaxing on the beach and recovering from the journey. We all met together for Mass in the evening.

The following day we embarked on a journey to the rainforest. We were greeted with some original Aboriginal cream tea, before we started our activities for the day at the Gumburu Catholic Environmental Education Centre.

These were: a talk about the relationship between our faith and the environment, artwork using natural materials, a blindfolded sensory trail, learning traditional Aussie songs (and playing along to them with spoons and other traditional instruments), a walk through Paluma Rainforest and Christian meditation in the rainforest. We finished the activities with afternoon tea and

lamingtons (traditional Australian cake).

Other international pilgrims we encountered came from the USA, Poland and Canada. At dinner we met the Papua New Guineans sharing St Patrick's College with us.

After Indiana Jonesing it through the rainforest, the following day we had a trip to Magnetic Island, the reason Captain Cook landed at Australia.

We had a rough ferry ride but there were amazing photo opportunities for those brave enough to stand on the top deck. On the beach at Horseshoe Bay 'chillaxing' the day was uneventful until coral and a dead sea molluscs caused an array of accidents. Charlotte Dore bravely dealt with a cut to her foot and first aid was administered by the lifeguard, Baywatch style! Joby Mathew also received cuts to his fingers after being over curious with the local wildlife.

At a World Youth Day opening Mass we met pilgrims from all around the world and began swapping mementos representing England and our hometowns.

On Friday we went to the 'Billabong Sanctuary' which was both fantastic and relaxing. There we say a range of Australian wildlife including koalas, snakes, wombats, kangaroos, wallabies etc. A number of us took pictures hugging the animals! In the afternoon, we visited the Cultural Centre where we witnessed excellent Aboriginal dancing and were able to join in!

Friday evening was free and Fr David led us in very moving reconciliation service.

Saturday was our community day – an opportunity to give something back to Townsville. Some spent the day playing sports and painting with disadvantaged children organized by SVP. Others visited the residents of the old people's home attached to a nearby convent. The day finished with Mass and a very generous BBQ for 800 pilgrims at the local lifesavers club on the beach.

The East Anglian group led the dancing followed closely by the Irish. Fr Michael surprised us with his energy and agility on the dancefloor!

Sunday was our last day in Townsville. After Mass, followed by morning tea, with the local parish, we headed to the beach for the last time. We had yet another barbecue and then departed for the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart where we met up with hundreds of other pilgrims and performed an enthusiastic rendition of

'Let it Be' and 'Rise and Shine' to many cheers (mainly from us), before a beautiful evening prayer complete with candles and the full international version of the official World Youth Day song.

SYDNEY

Monday we flew from Townsville to Sydney and were coached to where we were staying – a very basic but clean and functional hotel, within about 45 minutes walk of where everything was happening.

On Tuesday morning, we walked to 'Barangaroo' for the opening Mass and along the way met people of many nationalities with their tee-shirts, flags, songs, dances and smiling faces.

On arrival at the site by the water, surrounded by modern high rise office blocks, we received our first WYD food! Pretty good lunch - meat pies, drinks, lamingtons and fruit. The sun shone and the atmosphere was great.

The Mass was magnificent, led by Cardinal Pell, Archbishop of Sydney with hundreds of Bishops and priests. It was uplifting, to say the least. We were welcomed first by the Australian Prime Minister who spoke in several languages, then in a special way by the Aborigine 'owners of the space'.

After Mass entertainment was by Australian girls choir - Tempest, a young Opera group, the winner of Oz Pop Idol and an acoustic guitarist and singer and a soul singer had us dancing in the aisles!! Fireworks over the harbour finished another wonderful day - the first BIG event of the pilgrimage.

For the following three days, we had catechesis each morning at Darling Harbour. Archbishop Ignatius from Jos, Nigeria, spoke of the Holy Spirit as being central and inspirational in the life of the church. He said: "God has made us all different but we should never be indifferent to each other.

"We have a duty to to intervene in situations of injustice and suffering, by prayer and action. We learned of the five fingers of prayer and that the greatest challenge for young people in the church is to "see things as Jesus would, judge in the light of faith and act with Christian conviction".

We then celebrated Mass together and gathered outside by the harbour for an inspiring meal (a tin of tuna or beans!)

The afternoon was an open opportunity to go to 'The Youth Festival' - many events, talks, performances, forums or

exhibitions on offer throughout the city. A few of us took up the CAFOD challenge to find 25 different nationalities of pilgrims and get them to record a message for the UK & Wales.

Everywhere we turned people were more than happy to oblige, the most impressive being the Brazilian group who accompanied their message with drumming, singing and dancing. Worth a particular mention was the 'Vocations Expo' – an exhibition of the ways God could be calling you to spend your life.

Catechesis on Tuesday by Archbishop Vincent Nichols discussed how the Church needs the Holy Spirit. After lunch, we set of for 'The Domain' to await the arrival of the Holy Father to Sydney.

We were surrounded by thousands of international pilgrims - some of the less common counties present were Qatar, Brunei and Tonga along with all those one would expect. Then we saw him ... on a large TV screen, Pope Benedict coming down Sydney Harbour surrounded by young people in his boat.

Later, we saw him in person zooming past us in da popemobile. We screamed, he smiled and many photos were taken mostly of blankness! After supper, many of us went to visit the Cathedral where the relics of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati had been brought from Italy.

Our final Catechesis was given by Bishop Michael Solomon of Colorado who talked on the workings of the Holy Spirit in day to day life. After Mass, we went to Barangaroo to see the Stations of the Cross. This was enacted at different places throughout the City (including where we were at Barangaroo) and televised.

Sadly we didn't have a very good view but by all accounts it was extremely moving and was viewed by an estimated 500 million worldwide.

THE VIGIL AND FINAL MASS

We had an easy start to Saturday except for our Seminararians who went for a special audience with the Holy Father and a small group who went to meet a contingent of Cambodians.

On a walk to Randwick racecourse we met anti-catholic protesters and much African drumming but there was a terrific atmosphere and some great bands playing.

Over the next few hours, more and more people gathered for the candle-lit vigil presided over by Pope Benedict which included prayer, music and adoration

before the Blessed Sacrament. The Holy Father called on the faithful to hear Christ's great promise and pray together, as his Apostles did.

"Tonight, we do the same. Gathered before our much-travelled Cross and the Icon of Mary and under the magnificent constellation of the Southern Cross, we pray," he said.

"We recall our parents and grandparents who walked alongside us when we, as children, were taking our first steps in our pilgrim journey of faith.

"Now many years later, you have gathered as young adults with the Successor of Peter. I am filled with deep joy to be with you."

When the vigil had ended, everyone settled into their sleeping bags, cardboard boxes or similar for the night, ready to endure the cold - some taking the route of finding the heaters in the Eucharistic adoration tent.

After sleeping under the stars, Sunday morning we woke up nice and early to the Papua New Guineans singing "Wake up to praise the Lord".

The final Mass was very special. The Pope started his homily by quoting the theme of World Youth Day "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you" and explained how this promise was fulfilled in the upper room.

"I pray that this great assembly, which unites young people from every nation under heaven (cf. Acts 2:5), will be a new upper room. Empowered by the Spirit, a new generation of Christians is being called to help build a world in which God's gift of life is welcomed, respected and cherished."

Walking back from Randwick after lunch took a long while. In the evening, we had our final meal together followed by speeches, presentations and a disco.

GOING HOME

Early the following morning, 22 members of the group set off for home. Later, we also said goodbye to many of those who went travelling around Australia. By midday our group of 85 had more than halved to less than 40. It was very emotional! For those left, it was a much looked forward to shopping day ending with a lovely Italian meal and an early night before setting off for home. It had been an amazing two and a half weeks.

Thank you God for the many blessings we received on our World Youth Day Pilgrimage 2008.



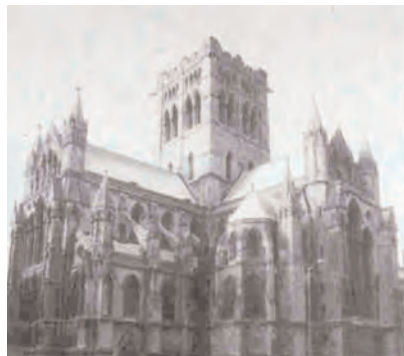
Pictured below is the highly colourful scene at the vigil



Pilgrims who visited a nearby convent presented a picture of Our Lady of Walsingham to the sisters who look after elderly people



Liturgies were celebrated with lots of music and song



CATHEDRAL FOCUS

NEWS FROM OUR MOTHER CHURCH

Invitation to bet on a winner to raise funds

Fund raising for St John's Cathedral continues over the next few months with the lead up to a major sporting event that everyone can take part in.

The fund raising committee is holding a race night in the parish hall on 15 November from 7.30pm.

One of the organisers Pat Walter said: "Although this is a new venture for St John's, many will know how enjoyable

an evening this can be.

"For those who have never experienced a race night the rules are quite simple. Just come along with a picnic and a group of friends, place your bets and collect your winnings.

"There is no entry charge and the club bar is open for drinks.

"Those who like greater participation can sponsor a horse or jockey in one of the seven video races each with eight runners.

"For a modest sum of £5 per head 56 thoroughbred horses can be bought and you can even name your own horse.

"Each of the 56 horses will need a jockey who can also be sponsored and the owners of winners receive a prize."

Sponsorship forms can be found in the Cathedral and further details by ringing Eve at cathedral house during office hours on 01603 502480, Pat Walter on 01603 624615 or Maureen Fitzmaurice on 01603 812572.



The Cathedral has hosted a number of exhibitions in recent months including a display depicting the effects of slavery on Norwich and these vestments in a cabinet at the west end entrance - they are a chasuble and a cope.



Blessed Thomas Tunstall martyred in Norwich

Former head teacher tells recusants' story

The struggles of recusant Catholics in Norfolk during penal times is chronicled in a new book by retired teacher Frank Devany from St John's parish in Norwich.

The book lists known recusants in villages, towns and the city of Norwich and many of the names that appear echo those of the English martyrs and families that have carried the faith to the present day.

The name recusant comes from the Latin word *recusare* - to refuse - because those who bear the title rebelled against laws intended to force them to worship as Anglicans.

The families of St Henry Walpole, St John Wall, St Robert Southwell and others are mentioned in the book showing the strong links Norfolk had with the Catholic faith during a period of intense persecution.

Frank Devany said that it was a life's work to produce the book.

"This is an attempt to tell the story of a minority of Norfolk people who, for two and a half centuries, faced the threat of imprisonment, fines, discomfort and deprivation of ordinary social rights and legal protection."

The story begins with a refusal to accept the monarch as the head of the established protestant church in England.

This was used by the state to confiscate the property and subject rich Catholics to heavy fines for practising their faith as a form of taxation.

This caused real hardship and forced many recusants to comply with the law by attending Anglican services occasionally or by abandoning their faith entirely.

The book also related family stories of heroism in trying to smuggle priests into England, hiding them from the authorities and helping them to carry out their ministry.

The Bedingfeld family of Oxburgh Hall feature in many of the stories as theirs and other Catholic families were large and widespread in Norfolk.

They sent many young men to the Continent to train as priests while fighting to maintain their faith at home.

The Faithful Few - a history of Norfolk Roman Catholics 1559-1778 by FJ Devany can be obtained through St John's Cathedral book shop.

Parish news

The editor Patrick Byrne needs more news about activities and people in the parishes. Please send a few notes and a jpg picture by email or with a photograph in the post.



We look forward to hearing from you. To get in touch with the editor Patrick Byrne the details are listed below. Our Diocesan Family, The White House, 21 Upgate, Poringland, Norfolk NR14 7SH.

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Anniversary visitation

An unusual anniversary has been celebrated by the communities at St Mark's in Ipswich and the Holy Family at Brantham when Bishop Michael visited, picture right.

On the Friday evening he arrived the parish marked its 49th anniversary with Mass, a talk by Bishop Michael and social evening.

Over the three days he met a large number of parishioners, visited the sick and celebrated Mass at both the parish churches.

Edmund Smitheram, the parish press officer, said: "Parishioners had held many meetings to plan then



liturgies for Masses and social events. There was a great feeling of expectancy and a little apprehension.

"In his visitation report, Bishop Michael said how impressed he had been to find the people from St Mark's and the Holy Family working together enthusiastically to form a united parish family."

CAMBODIA - a country like no other

Welcoming, bustling, hot, cheerful, but most of all inspiring are words I would use to describe Cambodia.

I visited Cambodia in February 2008 for 3 weeks as part of my Gap year travels, and it was 3 weeks like no other! My trip was arranged through Bishop Michael, and my itinerary involved visiting about 8 different parishes throughout the Cambodian Diocese of Battambang that is twinned with my local diocese, East Anglia.

Cambodia was the first country I visited in my 3 months away, and was also my first visit to South East Asia. The culture there is dramatically different from the western culture we live in, but never once did I feel uncomfortable or unwelcome in Cambodia. The Cambodian people are inspiring in their happiness and I don't think a day went by without me seeing a thousand smiles. Considering that it is only in the last 30 years that Cambodia has had to recover from the Pol Pot regime, and still are recovering, it makes their happiness all the more inspirational.

My first destination, after a quick stopover and tour of Phnom Penh, the capital, was Battambang, where Bishop Kike lives and which is one of the central places of the Catholic community in Cambodia. One of the highlights of my stay in Battambang was the privilege I had of meeting the children in the Arrupe Centre, a home for disabled children many of whom are victims of land mines. I spent most, if not all, of my free time, in the centre, being persuaded to sing, play football and learn basic Khmer (Cambodian) - none of which I am particularly skilled at! However, the children did not give up, and I ended up with an audience listening to my rendition of various nursery rhymes and pop songs! However, it certainly provided amusement for both them and me.



Maddy with Sarin, one of the girls at the Arrupe Centre who was blinded by a land mine

Another distinct highlight of my stay was during my one night stopover in the small parish of Chamnaom to take part in a “water blessing”. Little did I know that by “water blessing” they meant a full-on hose-piping, bucketing, drenching 3 hour long water fight, complete with decorated floats piled high with children and villagers and loud pumping music and dancing!

It was an absolutely awesome experience like no other. It was one big party during which I ended up drenched to the bone, so much so I was actually cold for the first time in 32 degree heat.

Not only was I looking as if I had just had a very long shower, I was also covered in talcum powder, kindly provided by many of the locals! I had immense fun and if I was invited to another “water blessing”, believe me I would be there quicker than you could say “watch out they are about to tip a bucket of water over your head!”

Cambodia is a country that is not on the major tourist trail as of yet, unlike Thailand, so foreigners are always somewhat of a fascination for the locals. When I left England I was as white as the snow, which now after three months away has been replaced with a rather nice tan, and in Cambodia the paler the skin and the bigger the nose you have, the more beautiful you are.



Bishop Michael blesses Bishop Kike

However, I was not aware of this, but I soon learnt that my distinctly roman nose and white as white skin were always the hot topic of conversation.

Every place I was taken to visit in the entire three weeks, I was greeted with gentle strokes and pokes on my nose and skin followed by “sa-aat nah, sa-aat nah”, “very beautiful, very, very beautiful”. The initial shock I had at strangers pointing and fiddling with my nose soon vanished, and I couldn't help but smile - like everyone else! Something I came to learn about Cambodia was that however intense my primary discomfort was in any situation, it never lasted for long.

After a couple of days spent in Battambang, I was confronted with an experience that made me realise this. Every Friday, Sister Art - one of the nuns in the Battambang parish, goes to visit the local prison to tend to the sick inmates, and I was taken along. The Battambang prison has 800 male and female inmates and I have never felt a feeling quite like the one I felt walking into open yard of the prison, which was filled with a mass of blue and white uniforms.

I was promptly given condensed milk and bread, which were carefully divided into equal amounts, and I was instructed to give it to the chosen prisoners who were in truly poor states of nutrition and health, which was only about 3% of the entire prison population.

Also to add to the injustice and inequality of health care, I was informed that the prisoners have to give a quarter of all food, gifts, money etc. from outside to the police and officers who run the prison. This corrupt system was a reality check as I was once again reminded of how much further Cambodia has to go in its recovery from the recent aftermath of its history and the Pol Pot regime. It made me really appreciate the work that people like Sister Art do, making a very important and valued difference.

My visit to the prison in Battambang made me realise again how inspirational Cambodia is as a country. It took a situation like being confronted with blatant corruption, malnutrition and poverty in the prison to remind me of Cambodia's status as one of the poorest countries in the world.

All my other experiences and journeys throughout Cambodia, but most of all the people I met, caused me momentarily to forget the reality of the situation Cambodia has been in for the last three decades and is still recovering from. However, it is exactly this that has caused my love and admiration of the country and its people.

I would absolutely recommend a visit to Cambodia, and would like to thank all who helped to organise my trip and make it one of the most amazing experiences.

Maddy Heath
(visited Cambodia 11th to 29th February 2008)



Children at the water blessing

CAN YOU HELP?

Our two main diocesan ‘Building Bridges’ projects this year are helping to build a kindergarten for the small community at Chrab Viel in Cambodia, and to buy land for affordable housing in the Palestinian village of Aboud.

Would you like to support these projects? Cheques should be made payable to the ‘RC Diocese of East Anglia’.

First name.....

Surname.....

Title (Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms, etc)

Address.....

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Postcode..... Amount enclosed.....

Anything you give will be divided equally between Chrab Viel and Aboud, unless you indicate below by ticking one or other that all your money should go to that project:

CHRAP VIEL (Cambodia) ABOUD (Palestine)

GIFT AID DECLARATION *(if appropriate)*
I wish the RC Diocese of East Anglia to reclaim tax on this donation. I have paid an amount of UK tax or capital gains tax equal to any tax claimed.

Signed..... Date.....

Please send to:

Bishop Michael, ‘Building Bridges’, 21 Ugate,
Poringland, Norwich, NR14 7SH
Registered charity no. 278742



Some of the couples and their families who attended the special Mass at St John’s Cathedral in June to celebrate marriage and family life at the invitation of Bishop Michael. Those celebrating their own married life had been together for a wide range of years - in fact one couple married last year while another were celebrating 66 years together.

Celebrating a 70th wedding anniversary

St Felix RC Church parishioner Wally Shaw celebrated his 101st birthday with his wife Margaret who is 99 years young, their family and friends.

Wally Shaw was born in 1907 and in World War II saw service on board HMS Warspite – a Queen Elizabeth-class battleship – in the Mediterranean.

During the Battle of Calabria she was credited with achieving the longest range gunnery hit from a moving ship to a moving target in history - approximately 26,000 yards.

The day turned out to be a double-celebration, as Parish Priest Fr David Hennessy presented Wally and Margaret with a special Diocesan Certificate commemorating their 70 years of marriage.



Wally and Margaret Shaw who have been married for 70 years

The couple first met on the beach in Felixstowe, where Wally promised that he would teach Margaret to swim.

This was a promise which he failed to keep, much to her continued amusement.

Fr David told the gathering

“Many congratulations to you both. You might not know this, but you are the longest married couple in the Diocese of East Anglia”.

When asked jokingly if the marriage would last, Margaret laughed, “Well, it’s too late in the day to call it off now!”



All ages enjoyed the events put on in Beccles for the celebration

Cardinal marks centenary

Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O’Connor celebrated Mass to mark the centenary of St Benet’s Minster, in Beccles and the event attracted 500 people.

He also attended a fete staged to allow Christian groups from across the town to join together and celebrate 100 years since the consecration of the minster in 1908.

Cardinal Murphy-O’Connor, invited to St Benet’s by parish priest

Fr Antony Sutch OSB, said: “I am very grateful to Fr Antony for inviting me here today. It is an occasion for thanksgiving.

“Today is not an occasion for just looking back; it’s an occasion to rejoice in what is happening in this parish.”

St Benet’s Minster was built in 1889 when it was to be part of a new priory and presbytery to be expanded later into a small monastery.



Some of the guests at the celebration lunch to mark the centenary

BISHOP’S ENGAGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

SEPTEMBER					
3 rd	Diocesan Prison Chaplains Meeting	14 th	Bury St Edmunds Deanery Day at Moreton Hall School	26 th	Confirmations at Newmarket at 7.30pm
5 th	Mass & bless new buildings at St Felix School, Haverhill	15 th	Induction of a new parish priest at St Oswald’s in Peterborough at 7.30pm	27 th	Diocesan Catechists Day at Poringland
6 th	Diocesan Child Protection Reps Meeting and Mass at Poringland	17 th	Churches Together in Framlingham Retreat Day	28 th	Diocesan Youth Council at Poringland
7 th	Dowry Pilgrimage at Walsingham		Induction of a new parish priest at Stowmarket at 7.30pm	OCTOBER	
8 th	Final Professions at 11am at Montana, Great Barton	18 th	Diocesan Finance Board at Poringland	1 st	Induction of a new priest at Woodbridge at 7.30pm
9 th	Confirmations at Aylsham at 7pm	19 th	Induction of new parish priest at King’s Lynn at 7.30pm	2 nd	Council of Priests at Poringland
10 th	College of Consultors at Poringland	20/21 st	Parish Visitation to Haverhill		Diocesan Vocations Group at 2pm
11 th	Schools Service Commission at Poringland	21 st	World Youth Day Reunion at Newmarket		Diocesan Social Concern Commission Mass & AGM at Poringland
12 th	Induction of a new parish priest at Brandon/Mildenhall at 7.30pm	23 rd	Department of Dialogue and Unity in London	3 rd	Confirmations at Whittlesey at 7.30pm
13 th	Mass & Presentation of	24 th	Mass at Walsingham (Our Lady of Walsingham) at noon	4 th /5 th	Parish Visitation to Felixstowe
				6 th /7 th	Westminster Province
					Bishops overnight meeting at Poringland
					Induction of a new priest at Sudbury at 7.30pm
					Christian-Muslim Forum at Lambeth Palace
					Fairtrade Day at St Felix School, Haverhill
					Confirmations at Diss at 7.30pm
					Lay Ministers Commissioning at Poringland
					Confirmations at St Mark’s, Ipswich at 11am
					Confirmations at Thetford at 6.30pm
					Bishop away at Committee for Christian Unity meeting in Rome
					Confirmations at St Philip Howard, Cambridge at 7pm
					Commission for Dialogue & Unity at Poringland
					CCRS End of Course
					Celebration Mass at Margaret Beaufort Institute, Cambridge
					Friends of the Cathedral: Mass & AGM (time & venue tbc)
					King’s Lynn Confirmation Group at Poringland at 4pm
					Bishops Conference Standing Committee (overnight in London)
					Mass for Retired Priests at Poringland at noon
					Ordination to the Priesthood at Blackfriars, Cambridge at noon
					Diocesan Commission for Evangelisation at Newmarket at 7.30pm
					Parish Visitation to Buckden
					Cathedral Trustees at Poringland at 2.30pm
					31 st October – 7 th November: Bishop away at Methodist/Catholic